

Ambassador Roche also met, in informal sessions, with representatives of such groups as Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and Lawyers for Social Responsibility.

In addition, LCol. Morrison met with senior secondary school students studying courses in international affairs. The schools included Saint John High School in Saint John, N.B., Forest Hill Collegiate Institute in Toronto, Mount Royal Collegiate in Saskatoon, and Spectrum High School in Victoria. The topics of discussion ranged from "Canada at the UN" to "Disarmament" to "The Washington Summit".

If one can extrapolate from the organizational affiliations stated by questioners at the public fora, audiences were overwhelmingly composed of members of the disarmament movement.

The following general conclusions have been drawn:

1. A higher degree of satisfaction with the Government's performance on ACD issues was noted, compared to the 1986 tour, along with a general desire for expansion of such activities. Canadians are generally more optimistic about the future of the world. With very few exceptions, there were none of the "doom and gloom" forecasts which had been prevalent during the last tour.
2. Despite the efforts of Ambassador Roche to portray arms control, disarmament and national defence as complementary elements in our policy of peace and security (as outlined in the December 1986 "Canada's International Relations: Response of the Government of Canada to the Report of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons"), many view the foreign policy of Canada (including its arms control and disarmament (ACD) policy) as being contradicted by the content of the Department of National Defence White Paper, "Challenge and Commitment: A Defence Policy for Canadians". The tour left no doubt that the ACD goals and priorities of the Canadian government are being called into question by the DND White Paper and, as described to the Ambassador, its "cold-war rhetoric". Policies such as the purchase of nuclear-powered submarines, continued USA testing of cruise missiles in Canada, and low-level flying were cited to support the apparent contradiction.